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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Peter Knight, defeated for political office in his town, decides to venture New York in order that the family fortunes might benefit by the expected rise of his charming daughter, Lorelei. CHAPTER II—A well-known critic interviews Lorelei Knight, now stage beauty with Bergman's Revue, for a special article. Her coin-hunting mother outlines Lorelei's ambitions, but Slosson, the press agent, later adds his information. CHAPTER III-Lorelei attends Millionsire Hammon's gorgeous entertainment. She meets Merkle, a wealthy dyspeptic, who seems fond of scandal.

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CHAPTER IV—Bob Wharton breaks into the ball in a novel way and wins a thousand dollars from his father. Merkle asks Lorelei to be his detective in an affair which he fears. The intoxicated Bob Wharton insuits Lorelei and then jumps in the fears.

in the fountain. CHAPTER V—Jim Knight's doings dis-gust Lorelei and arouse her suspicion. Her dressing room partner looms as a central figure in the blackmail scheme against Hammon. Mrs. Croft, the dresser,

tells what she heard. CHAPTER VI-Lorelet meets Merkle to

warn him of the proposed trap for Ham-mon. They go for a long auto ride in the night.

CHAPTER VII-The auto is wrecked; Merkle and Loreici are forced to walk to the Chateau. Arriving they meet Jim Kuight and suspicious companions who leave suddenly. Hammon appears from within and tells of being tricked in com-

CHAPTER VIII—Levelet goes shopping and meets MRs. Demorest, notorious dancer, who takes her home to tea. Levelet learns that the dancer is not what is said CHAPTER IX-Lilas Lynn confesses to

Lorelei her intentions as to Hammon.

Jim Knight and his mother prepare to force money from Merkle, using Lorelei's ride with him as a weapon. CHAPTER X-Jim takes Lorelei to sup-

per to avoid Bob Wharton, who, however, unexpectedly appears at their table. He pours out his apologies to Lordel and tells her that her brother arranged the meeting for money. Lordel saves the drunken Wharton from Jim and his gaug.

CHAPTER NI-Merale calls on Lorelel at the theater and tells her of her mother's attempt to extract binchmail from him. Lorelel decides to leave home. Lins Lynn tells of her past. CHAPTER XII-Bergman forces Lorelei

to dinner and promptly loses control of his conduct. Bob Wharion proves a friend in need, as well as dancing instructor to CHAPTER XIII—Jim Knight and Mel-cher, with the help of Lilias Lynn, force a proposal of marriage from Eob Wharton to Lorelel. Too dezed to resist the on-

to Lorelei. Too dezed to resist the on-slaughts of the trie Lorelei passively submits to an immediate marriage to the drunken Wharton. CHAPTIES XIV - Haramon surprises

Liles at her anartments and while entaged she tells him she has meant to ruin him in revenge for her lather's death. She in revenue for her lather's death. She also tells him she is responsible for his troubles and that the never intended to marry him. Financian attacks Lilias; she shoots him as he advisces toward her. CHAPTER XV Hammon orders Wharton and Meride to remove him quietly to his home. Merake discovers Lilias in her room in a stoper from drugs. He tells Jim Knight to used her out of the country. Beb Wherton hires a cab and drives try. Beb Wherton hires a cab and drives. Jim Knight to try, Bub Wheet Hammon home, Wheeten hires a cab and drives home; they leave him alone in y. He then calls his valet and his library. He then calls his value has Merkle and the doctor summoned,

CHAPTER XVI.

That afternoon Mrs. Knight, in a great flutter of excitement, arrived would consent to dine in the modest with Jim at the Elegancia. Embracing little home, but under the circum- help me scorch the dinner," Lorelei her daughter in tremulous, almost tearful delight, she burst forth:

home not an hour ago and told me ev- everything was different. Once the first time the weariness in her friend's erything. I thought I should swoon." Darriage had become known to Bob's flashed a glance at her brother, who made a quick sign of reassurance.

well-nigh delirious. She was still recoloing garrulously when Lorelei burst he suffered only from the effects of his into one of her rare passions of weeping and buried her face in her hands. "Child alive!" cried her astonished

mother. "What alls you?" Instantly Jim's suspicions caught

slammed the doors," he explained, "but "Say! Has Bob welched?" he demy bookkeeping is rotten." manded, harshly. The amber head shook in negation. have overdrawn?"

"den't he-nice to you?" quavered "Exactly. But I drew against the Mrs. Knight. old gentleman, as usual, so on with the "Yes. But-I'm sorry I did it. He

was doing-"Hush!" Mrs. Knight east a fearful glance over her shoulder. "It was all straight and aboveboard, and he knew perfectly well what he was about. Jim would swear to it."

Lorelei lifted a tragic, tear-stained face. "I ought to be hauged," she said. Jim laughed with relief. "There's gratitude for you! If I had your share

of the Wharton coin I'd let 'em hang

"Don't weaken." he enutioned her.

"Lynn's zone, and it's all over. We've

got the whip hand on ail of 'em-Ham-

mon, Merkle, Bob, Lilas-everybody,

When she was alone Lorelel gave a

me-for a while,"

nia sistor.

landed big!"

happiness.

Lorelei to dine.

come here."

this she answered:

"Yes, to dinner. Please, please come."

fell to work. This was very different

when he arrived, but Lorelet saw that

self-conncious and pneasy in her pres-

"Are you trying to tell me that you

brave show of confidence.

ed gentleness: "Please don't worry. It was a terrible night for all of us. When I think of it I'm sure it must have been a dream. I saw Merkfe. He got back to Hammon's house ahead of the doctor, and hobody suspects the truth. But the Street is in chaos, and all of Hammon's companies are feeling the strain."

dance. What's the-er-tuen of the

Bob's-eyes opened with surprise. 'Why, we're going to Delmonico's."

"I'd-rather do this if you don't

mind." She eyed him appealingly. "I

den't feel equal to going out tonight.

His glance brightened with admira-

tion, "Well, you look stunning in that

get-up, and I'd hate to see you change

it. Do you mean to say you can cook?"

thing. Mother has a maid. I couldn't

"Not well, but I can fry almost any-

"I love fried things," he assured her,

with a twinkle. "And to think you're

going to cook for me! That's an ex-

perience for both of us. Let's have

some fried roast beef and fried corn

on the cob with fried salad and cheese."

"Don't tease," she begged, uncertain-

and I thought this would keep me busy

He extended a hand timidly and

patted her arm, saying with unexpect-

"I hardly know what I'm doing,

"It's nearly dinner time."

apron?"

afford two."

until theater time."

"Shouldn't you have been at bushness on such a day?"

Bob shrugged carelessly, "I'm only a 'joke' broker. The governor thinks a firm name looks well on my cards. I hope he doesn't lose more than a mil llon in this flurry-it won't improve his disposition. But-wait till he learns I've married a girl who can fry things- By the way-" Bob paused. I invited a friend to dine with us to night."

Lorelei was less dismayed than he had expected. "So have I," she said. "I thought it might be pleasanter for you." he explained, a bit awkward ly, "inasmuch as we're not very wellacquainted. I saw before I went out that you were-er-embarrassed-and State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas -and-" He flushed boyi hly, scarce County, as.

in Bob's society Lorelei laughed out that cannot be cured by the use of "Don't Weaken," He Cautioned Her.

"And I asked Adoree Demorest," she As mother and son were leaving, Jim | said. managed to get a word in private with

her. "Fine!" he cried. "Noth mem cember, A. D. 1886. bers of this club. Really, this ought to make the best finish fight seen in New York for many a day."

Wharton in her friend's apartment was and mucous surfaces of the system. We've got 'em all, understand? We've intense, and when she learned the truth Soud for testimonials free. she was for once in her life speechless. sigh of relief, which changed to a sab. She could only stare from one to the as the sense of her helplessness surged other, wavering between consternation over her again. She had deliberately and delight. Finally she sat down pation sold herself; she wearily wondered limply.

"I-I'd have brought a present if I'd where the new road led-surely not to known," she managed to say. Toward evening Adoree Demorest

telephoned, and with many anticipa- Bob inquired. "Luck! You've both got it. She's tory exclamations of pleasure invited the best girl in the world, and you're-" Adoree hesitated, and continued to "I can't," answered Lorelel, faintly, "Bother your engagements!" Miss Demorest's disappointment was keen,

stare, round-eyed. "I didn't think my feet, While not able to work, I tried "I can't even explain, unless-you'll know what I thought or didn't think | 'Favorite Prescription' and I took three But-limming! Married!" When Lore bottles. I began to get better and when lei led her into the bedroom to lay off before going out, had appeared very in exclaimed, in a whisper-"billions! I Peoria, Ill.-"I heard of Favorite Pro- luting. at ease. He had not even made plans | don't know how to talk to him-or you, for the evening meal. In view of all for that matter. Shall I call you 'my lady' or 'your honor,' or- 1 didn't dress for dinner either; I suppose I Lorelet was not quite sure that Bob should have worn the crown jools,"

"You're going to wear an apron and stances idleness was maddening, so she laughed.

As Lorelei explained the reasons for "You dear! You darling! Jim came from what she had expected, but- tonight's program, Adoree saw for the eyes, the pallor of her cheeks, the trem-"Told you - everything?" Lorelel people and he had thoroughly sobered ulous droop of her lower lip. Selzing down, once she had withdrawn from Lorelei by the shoulders, she held her North Adams St., Peoria, Ill. the east of the Revue, then real life off as the target for a searching gaze.

plain to whom she referred. "No"

"Whew! I'm glad to bear that, You previous debauch. He was extremely love him, don't you?" The answer came readily enough, cuce, though he kissed her with a and the blue eyes did not flinch, but medicine; also for girls about to enter

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